In late September and early October, two storms, Typhoon Ondoy and Typhoon Pepeng, caused disaster in the Philippines. So far, over 540 have passed away and hundreds of thousands have been made homeless. While towns, homes, and crops have been ruined, overwhelming support for the Philippines has been pouring in.

A "Mass of Hope" will be held for the Philippines on October 9, 2009 at 6:30pm. This will take place at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210). All Filipinos and friends of the Philippines are welcome to gather with local Filipino organizations, representatives from the Philippine Embassy, and local leaders to come to the mass to pray for all those affected by the tragedy as well as to provide support for recovery efforts through the collection of offertory money.

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Baltimore resident and native of Cebu City, Philippines Annjanette Laborte-Gaylord will perform as an inspirational guest soloist. Ms. Laborte-Gaylord is a singer and actress, primarily working on Broadway in such productions as Miss Saigon, South Pacific and Pocahantas.

For more information regarding how to support the aid efforts in the Philippines, please contact:

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